

REMARKS

The claims in the application are 1, 3-7, 21-24, 26 and 27.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Only formal rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, have been raised in paragraph 2 of the Final Office Action, it explicitly being stated in paragraph 3 of the Final Office Action that the claims will be treated favorably upon amendment to eliminate these rejections. Accordingly, the claims have been appropriately amended herein (reference will be made to preferred embodiments of the present invention illustrated in the drawings of the present application).

More particularly, independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite the inventive hinge is a double-guide hinge comprising, among other features, two separate guides 3,4 coupling the respective fixed hinge arm 1 and pivotable hinge section 6 together. Four hinge joints or axes 7, 8, 10 and 13;28 are provided at which the hinge guides 3,4 are mounted upon the respective fixed hinge arm 1 or pivotable hinge section 6. In particular, the axis 18 of the axial damper 13;28 constitutes a joint pin of a first one of the four hinge joints or axes 7,8,10 and 13;28.


Claims 3 and 26 have been amended to recite the hinge arm 1 is U-shaped and comprises a pair of extending legs 17,23. The amendment to independent Claim 1 *supra* should also address the rejection of Claim 21 which has also been appropriately clarified. Claim 22 has been amended to depend from Claim 21 and recite the first guide 4 comprises a rolled-up eye 5 at an outer end

thereof. Claim 24 has been amended to recite the curved leaf spring 9 has two legs, with Claim 25 being canceled without prejudice and dependency of Claim 4 appropriately revised.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments, accompanying remarks and explicit statements in the Final Office Action, it is respectfully submitted all pending claims herein are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further questions, then it is respectfully requested that the Applicant's attorney be contacted at the telephone number indicated below.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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